

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

/ ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

1. **Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 21, Board of Optometry
Article and its heading: 1, General Provisions
2, Licensing Provisions
3, Regulatory Provisions
4, Public Participation Procedures
Section numbers: R4-21-101 through R4-21-103; R4-21-201 through R4-21-209, and Table 1; R4-21-301 through R4-21-308; R4-21-401 through R4-21-406; and other articles and sections as necessary.
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The Board is amending its rules as the result of a 5-year review conducted by the Board in 1995. The current rules regarding the practice of optometry are being amended and expanded to ensure conformity with current optometry statutes and rulewriting standards. The rules are being updated to reflect the statutory amendments enacted in 1993 that expanded the optometric scope of practice. Definitions used in the optometry rules are being clarified and additional definitions are being added. Fees for licensing and biennial license renewal are being raised. Licensing time-frames are being established for all licensing activities of the Board as required by A.R.S. § 41-1072 et seq. Application requirements are being clarified and made more specific. The approval of courses of study is being revised and the issuance of topical pharmaceutical agent certificates is being added. The standards of care for conducting eye examinations are being clarified and detailed. A new Article 4 is also being added to prescribe the public participation procedures which are observed by the Board and required by A.R.S. § 41-1003.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Not applicable.
4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
Name: Ms. Alexis Kjellstrom
Address: Board of Optometry
1400 West Washington, Room 230
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Telephone: (602) 542-3095
Facsimile: (602) 542-3093
5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Board will accept written comments submitted to Ms. Kjellstrom until the close of record, a date which has not yet been determined.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
Not yet determined.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

/ STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF ARIZONA

1. **Title and its heading:** 7, Education
Chapter and its heading: 1, State Board of Directors for Community Colleges of Arizona
Article and its heading: 7, Instruction, Faculty and Staff
Section numbers: R7-1-701 through R7-1-703, and R7-1-710
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Words and phrases are defined in reference to the rules as specified within Article 7; Standards are defined for occupationally oriented and baccalaureate parallel curricula; Procedures to be followed by community colleges in submitting curriculum to the state board for approval are specified; Standards for numbering credit courses are defined; Standards for offering Open Entry, Open Exit Courses are defined, and requires that these courses have clearly defined competencies.

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3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:
Not applicable.
4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:
Name: Thomas J. Saad
Address: State Board of Directors for Community Colleges
3225 North Central Avenue, Suite 1220
Phoenix, Arizona 85308
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5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:
Written comments will be accepted from March 13, 1998, through April 17, 1998. Oral comments can be made on April 17, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Rio Salado Community College, 2323 West 14th Street, Tempe, Arizona.
6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:
The proposed rules will be considered for adoption on April 17, 1998, at public hearing.